## SPECIAL TOPIC: *ARCHĒ*

The Greek term *archē* means the "beginning" or "origin" of something.

1. beginning of the created order (cf. John 1:1; Heb. 1:10)
2. the beginning of the gospel (cf. Mark 1:1; Phil. 4:15; 2 Thess. 2:13; Heb. 2:3; 1 John 1:1)
3. first eyewitnesses (cf. Luke 1:2)
4. beginning signs (miracles, cf. John 2:11)
5. beginning principles (cf. Heb. 5:12)
6. beginning assurance based on gospel truths (cf. Heb. 3:14)
7. the beginning, Col. 1:18; Rev. 3:14

It came to be used of "rule" or "authority"

1. of human governing officials
    a. Luke 12:11
    b. Luke 20:20
    c. Romans 13:3; Titus 3:1
2. of angelic authorities
    a. Romans 8:38
    b. 1 Cor. 15:24
    c. Eph. 1:21; 3:10; 6:12
    d. Col. 1:16; 2:10,15
    e. Jude 1:6

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